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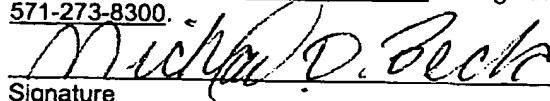
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Sir:

Reconsideration of the present application is requested. This response is being filed within the initial one-month period for response (which expires on January 6, 2006), so no fees are believed necessary. However, the Commissioner is requested to grant any extensions that may be necessary and to charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account 13-0014.

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